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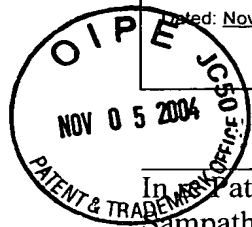
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
IDENTIFYING MORPHOGEN ANALOGS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

An office action was mailed on June 4, 2004 in connection with the subject application. The office action provided a period of three months for filing a response. Applicants are concurrently petitioning for a three-month extension of time, extending the deadline for filing a response to December 4, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed within the extended period.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.